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AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

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Sorors, don't forget to register
and attend our upcoming
March Chapter Meeting,
Saturday, March 4, at
10 a.m.,
held in-person!
Held at
Bertha Sadler Means
Young Women's Leadership
Academy
6401 N. Hampton Drive, Austin,
TX 78723

Register for our
110th Founders Day Celebration!

<https://form.jotform.com/230285693335157>

Everyone can see we're together
As we walk on by (and)
And we fly just like birds of a feather
I won't tell no lie
All of the people around us, they say,
Can they be that close
Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family dose
We are family
I got alllllllll my sisters with me.

Happy Sisterhood Month my Sweet Sorors!!! March is the month that Delta Sigma Theta has set aside for us to be all about US. Some of us have biological sisters, some of us have sister friends, while some may not have a sister or their sister is no longer living. Whatever the case may be for each of us, there is no better time than now to love on each other. Whether it is a phone call, a text, a card, or an invitation to dinner and a movie, let's be intentional this month Sorors and Fellowship with one another.

Membership Services has provided you with a calendar and some activities that are in the works for this month. The Delta Dears will be rolling to San Antonio for a day of activities and a meet up with the Dears from the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter. The Divas and Dolls will have events as well.

Sorors as we bring the Founders Day Season to a close, I ask that each of you purchase your ticket for the Founders Day Celebration on March 26. We want 200 sorors in attendance. It is open to all DELTAs, a great opportunity for reclamation. We will have our Rededication Ceremony and our Celebration Tea. Take out your beautiful RED Dress, your daintiest fascinator and gloves and let's honor our founders as we embrace the theme, The Legacy: Our Place in Delta's History.

Happy Sisterhood Month! Remember We are Family,
I got alllllll my sisters with me.

Yours in Service,

Soror Robin Blackmon



Chaplain's Message

by Soror Joan Roberts-Scott

Bowing Humbly before Our God Most High

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Isaiah's encounter with God offered a powerful starting point for his ministry.

The opportunity to gaze into Isaiah's encounter with the living God offers us a profound privilege. We love thinking about God's nearness and the intimate relationship we enjoy with Him. He is Immanuel-the God who came near to us. He remains actively present in our everyday lives. When we pray in Jesus' name, God listens and acts on our behalf. As God's beloved children, He inclines His heart and ear to us with lavish compassion and grace.

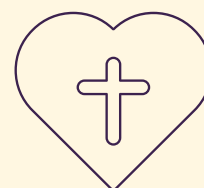
We do not think as often about God's transcendence – that He is utterly set apart from us in inexpressible ways. When Isaiah witnessed a vision of God in His glory, he did not seize the chance to voice his list of questions or complaints. Instead, in an instant and almost instinctive response, Isaiah bowed low – painfully aware of the gulf that separated him from God. His glimpse of God's exalted holiness brought the realization that he was a man with tainted lips who lived among similarly flawed people. Seeing our heavenly Father as infinitely exalted above us provides a necessary foundation to fully appreciate what God has done on our behalf. God bridged the chasm that separated us by sending His Son in the flesh to die a painful death to overcome death's stranglehold on us.

We are not God's equal in anyway. To see God as a friend or force we can take or leave as a matter of convenience or choice misrepresents undeniable truth. If we fail to recognize God's supremely exalted place over us, our view of ourselves remains corrupted. Without understanding God's transcendence, we remain clueless about the inexpressible wonder of His nearness.

Many things about God should leave us speechless and undone, like Isaiah. The more deeply we understand who God truly is, the more wonderful and shocking His tender love becomes. The God who stands infinitely beyond us in everyway longs to draw us close. Can you believe that? He loves us too much to ignore the gap between us. The Father demonstrates His barrier-breaking love in the amazing sacrifice of His Son. God came near to us so that we could draw near to Him. The holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty loves us with an everlasting love.

Will you rejoice that God made a way to cleanse you? He sends His people out to tell the world who He truly is. May a fresh sense of wonder and worship fill us as we ponder the majesty and mercy of our exalted God!

Isaiah 6:8 – The Lord Himself asked Isaiah a question, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? Here am I. Send me! Was Isaiah's answer. When you hear God call will you answer "Here am I. Send me!"



Prayer Corner

Members are encouraged to send cards, visit (if allowed by the family), or telephone sorors for additional courtesies. Sorors, please continue to lift the following in fervent prayer:

- Soror Adrienne Thrasher as she recovers from knee surgery;
- Soror Patricia Shorter and family on the loss of her Mother-in-Law, Soror Claudine B. Shorter, "Mama Claudine;"
- Soror La'Kisha Crenshaw and Soror Antonia Crenshaw for father and grandfather, complete recovery;
- Soror Kimily Johnson for the loss of her Mother, Soror Frances Jones Harris;
- Soror KeShana Odoms for the loss of her Grandmother and Stepfather;
- Soror Estella Akins who is experiencing some health challenges. She is residing in Houston with her daughter, Soror Dianne Akins Iglehart at 13619 Broken Bridge Dr., Houston, Texas 77085;
- Soror Cassandra Ringer for health and healing;
- Soror Kerri Lang for health and healing; and
- Soror Sandra "FeFe" McCrary-Marshall for recovery from health procedure and continued health and healing.

Sorors, tap the enclosed link to submit your prayer requests and bereavement notices,

<https://dstatx.org/contact-page/pb-request-form/>

March Omega Omega Assignments

Soror Tanya Rippenkroger through
Soror Nicole Simmons



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110th Founders Day
Celebration


Alpha Chapter
ΔΣΘ

DELTAS ONLY

The Legacy: Our Place in Delta's History

SUNDAY
MARCH 26 | 2 PM | Renaissance Hotel
GLASS OAKS BALLROOM | 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin, TX

2 PM – Rededication Ceremony
*Attire: Red (no pants)

3 PM – Founders Day Tea
*Fascinators & gloves

\$75 Scan QR Code



Mail Check: Austin Alumnae Chapter of DST
P.O. Box 143381, Austin, TX 78714



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News from our Protocol and Traditions Committee!

Greetings, Sorors!

The Protocol and Traditions Committee will have their Rededication workshop on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 7-8 p.m. The committee is requesting that sorors attending the workshop have available their Protocol and Traditions Manual and their Ritual. Please register via the enclosed zoom link,

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrdOGprDspHNQ75QCYhVEuyF5wGwXVU8Vt>



News from our Social Action Committee!

LDF Legal Defense Fund

S. 2048

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Legislative day, May 31, 1965

Mr. DOWNEY, Mr. WARREN, Mr. ROSENBERG, and Mr. HARRIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and passed on Education and Labor

A BILL

to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry.

The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled

SECTION 1. The Congress finds that the present laws regarding employment opportunities to, and discrimination against, properly qualified persons by the private, State, Federal, local, and foreign governments, and the private sector, are inadequate and need to be strengthened.

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION PLANNING MEETINGS

HOSTED BY LDF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TEXAS NAACP

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY AT 11AM

CASEY THOMAS
POLITICAL ACTION CHAIR
IS INVITING YOU TO
A SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING

EVERY MONTH ON THE **2ND THURSDAY**,
UNTIL **JUNE 8TH**, 6 OCCURRENCE(S)

- Jan. 12th @ 11:00 AM
- Feb. 9th @ 11:00 AM
- Mar. 9th @ 11:00 AM
- Apr. 13th @ 11:00 AM
- May 11th @ 11:00 AM
- June 8th @ 11:00 AM

zoom

Meeting ID: 894 1259 4317
Passcode: 909696

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EMAIL: CASEYT1911@GMAIL.COM | PHONE: 214-422-9710

NAACPLDF.ORG | TEXAS-NAACP.ORG | FOLLOW US: [Facebook, Twitter, Instagram icons]

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News from our Social Action Committee!

Austin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is proud to have participated along with partners from across the state on the South Steps of the Texas Capitol for the Equity Day Rally for Texas kids and families on February 14, 2023. The goal was to highlight how inequities are hurting kids across the state and what can be done to minimize them.



Vote



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The poster features a gold textured background at the top and a black background at the bottom. At the top center is the TX BC logo with 'TX' in red and 'BC' in black, with 'Texas Legislative Black Caucus' in small text below. Below the logo is the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in large, black, serif capital letters. In the center is the Seal of the State of Texas, which is a circular emblem with a five-pointed star in the center, surrounded by a wreath and the words 'THE STATE OF TEXAS'. Below the seal is the text 'TEXAS LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS' in large, gold, serif capital letters. Below that is '50TH ANNIVERSARY LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT' in smaller, gold, serif capital letters. A horizontal gold line separates this from the dates 'APRIL 2, 2023 - APRIL 4, 2023' in gold, serif capital letters. Below the dates is the venue information: 'Hyatt Regency Austin', '208 Barton Springs Rd,', 'Austin, TX 78704' in gold, serif text. At the bottom, the phrase 'Additional details to come' is written in a gold, italicized script. The poster is decorated with gold scrollwork in the bottom corners.

TX BC
Texas Legislative Black Caucus

SAVE THE DATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

**TEXAS LEGISLATIVE
BLACK CAUCUS**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**

APRIL 2, 2023 - APRIL 4, 2023

Hyatt Regency Austin
208 Barton Springs Rd,
Austin, TX 78704

Additional details to come

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News from Membership Services

Happy Sisterhood Month!

March 2023 Sisterhood Month -Preserving the Bond

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beloved Founders	2 National President	3 Executive Board Members	4 Chapter Meeting (to person) State & Chapter Leaders of GSY
5 Self-Care Family Unity & Sisterhood	6 Government Leaders	7 Yourself	8 AAC Officers	9 Local Civic & Community Leaders	10 Healthcare Providers & 1st Responders	11 DEAD'S Celebration Peers & Grandparents
12 AA Sorors that are Sick & Shut-In	13 Cancer Patients & Survivors	14 Families of COVID-19 Victims	15 Victims of Domestic Violence	16 Teachers & Educators	17 World Peace	18 Dina's Day End to Police Brutality
19 Church Service Greater Mt. Zion 9:45 AM Your Family	20 Sisters & Admirers of AK, EB, IQ	21 Leaders in our Community	22 Unity	23	24	25
26 Founders Day Celebration	27	28	29	30	31 Sisterhood Social	1

Preservation Methods

- ☐ Chilling - grab your soror bestie and do something fun (go to the spa, see a movie, go to dinner, etc...)
- ☐ Freezing - solidify a new relationship with a new soror (make a call, send a text, invite her out, etc...)
- ☐ Sugaring - pick a soror and send her a sweet treat (cookies, candy, flowers, etc...)

Preservation Methods

- ☐ Salting - be the salt of the earth as biblically instructed (send a soror an encouraging scripture, poem, prayer, etc...)
- ☐ Canning - seal the life our sisterhood by reclaiming a soror back into the fold
- ☐ Vacuum Packing - grab a few sorors and do a fun group activity (line dance, do an escape room, etc...)



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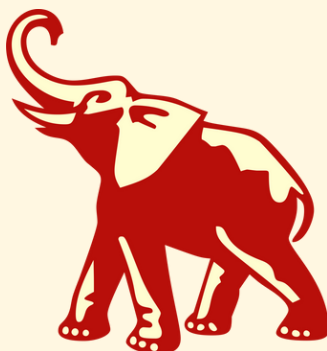
News from Membership Services

Sisterhood Month Key Dates

- Δ Days 1 – 22 are days of Prayer
- Δ 3/5 – Dolls “Doll Call”
- Δ 3/9 – Rededication Workshop - 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *via Zoom*
- Δ 3/11 – D.E.A.R.S event – “Bus Trip to San Antonio” 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Δ 3/12 – Self-Care Sunday
- Δ 3/18 – Divas event - “Painting with a Twist,” 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Registration Link: <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/northaustin/event/3319291/>
Passcode: PARTY
- Δ 3/19 – Church service – Greater Mt. Zion @ 10:00 a.m.
- Δ 3/26 – Founders Day Celebration
- Δ 3/31 – Sisterhood Social



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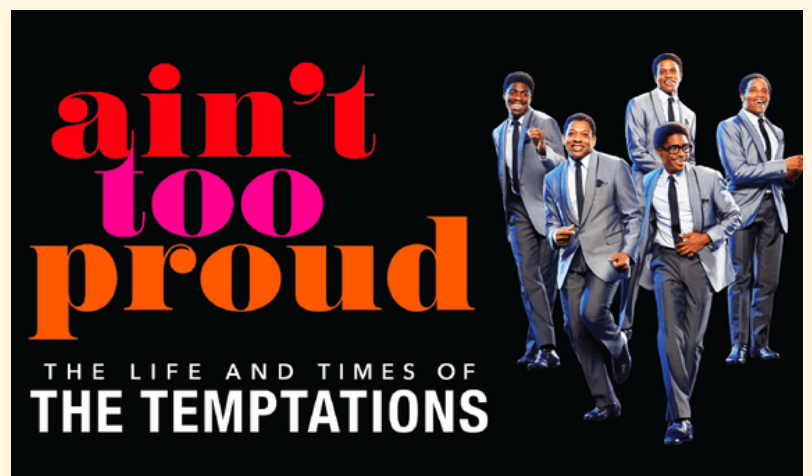


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NEWS FROM OUR ARTS & LETTERS COMMITTEE

What's Happening in Our Community,
Courtesy of Our Arts & Letters Committee!

March 28 - April 2, 2023
ain't too proud
The Life and Times of
The Temptations
Bass Concert Hall
2350 Robert Dedman Dr.



Key Dates

Folktales' Black Women's Literary Group is starting its 31st year in February.
Our selections include:

- March 17 The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times (Michelle Obama)
- April 21 The Yellow Wife: A Novel (Sadeqa Johnson)

Carver Museum for in-person meetings as well as continuing Zoom for our out of town members.



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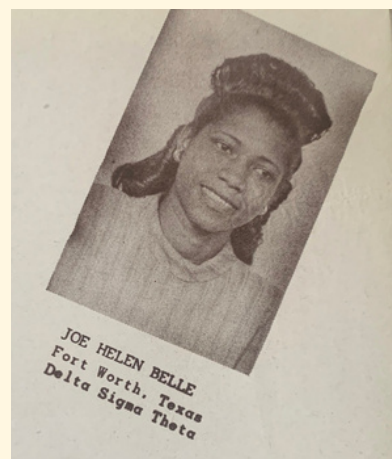
A Request from Our Historian and Heritage Archive Committee!

Heritage Archive Committee Collection Efforts

It is a National Initiative for chapters to preserve their history. We have been working at the Foundation House going through containers, closets and boxes looking for items to preserve our history. Our goal is to identify, categorize, label and preserve our history in one location, in a climate/controlled facility.

We need from Past Presidents.....

- Certificates
- Awards
- Trophies
- Plaques the chapter received during your tenure
- Chapter Rules of Order
- Policy and Procedures
- Constitution and By Laws during your tenure
- We need from chapter members.....
- Pictures of Charter Members
- Pictures of Past Presidents
- Founders Day programs
- Jabberwock programs
- May Day programs
- Brochures
- Newspaper clippings
- Journals
- Programs



Pictures of various events identifying the people in the picture and the name of the event. We need your help Sorors. Start looking in your closets, old photo albums, souvenir bags for the items we need. Please contact us by email at dstatx.ha@gmail.com or by cell phone Soror Nancy Thompson, Chair 512-565-1855; Soror Tashia Coleman, Co-Chair 512-897-9971 to arrange how we will pick up the items.

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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Wells Fargo is seeking talented undergraduates and graduates to participate in our summer internships and full-time University Program hiring opportunities.

I am requesting your support in marketing this opportunity to eligible talent in your network. Please see below and attached for additional details and application links.

LinkedIn Post:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ashleyacordova_wellsfargouniversityprograms-wellsfargo-undergraduate-activity-7021225178193960961--t1i?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop



2023 Full-time and internships for Undergraduates and Graduates



Application Instructions

- Visit www.wellsfargo.com/careers
- Select 'Search Jobs'
- Type the Job ID listed below and select
- Open job opening to review job description and select 'Apply'



Graduate Programs

Program Name	Full-Time Job ID	Summer Intern Job ID
February 3 – February 10		
Corporate Risk – Master's	Application closed	R-197253



Undergraduate Programs

Program Name	Full-Time Job ID	Summer Intern Job ID
January 9 – January 24		
Human Resources	R-236802	Application closed
January 17 – January 22		
Corporate & Investment Banking COO Summer Internship	Application closed	R-238280
Commercial Banking	Application closed	R-196367
Operations	Application closed	R-188843
February 3 – February 6		
CAO – Corporate Real Estate	Application closed	R-190830
CAO – Strategy & Projects	R-182122	R-190818
Public Affairs – Communications & Marketing	Application closed	R-190834
Public Affairs – Social Impact & Sustainability	Application closed	R-209102
February 3 – February 10		
Audit	R-174591	R-174601
CAO – Analytics & Data	R-190814	R-190832
CAO – Supply Chain	R-182107	R-190821
Consumer Lending Summer Internship	Application closed	R-190778
Control Management	R-206426	R-206433
Corporate Risk – Undergrad	R-174903	R-174933
Paralegal Summer Internship	Application closed	R-242811
Regulatory & Policy Affairs Summer Internship	Application closed	R-243058
Risk and Control Self-Assessment Summer Internship	Application closed	R-238293
Sales Practice & Conduct Management Summer Internship	Application closed	R-243080
Strategy & Digital Innovation	R-236804	R-236806
Strategy & Digital Innovation – Corporate Strategy	Application closed	R-236805

 Questions? Please contact Wells Fargo's Recruiting Team with any questions.



Membership Spotlight

Happy Birthday, Sorors!

Happy Birthday to our March birthdays!

03/06: Tomasita Louviere-Ligons, Sierra Townsend,
Ethel Wilson, & Cecile Banks

03/08: Andrena Fowler

03/09: Darlene Lewis

03/13: Nettie Roby

03/14: Cheryl Powell

03/17: Aline Owens-Darrington

03/22: Dymon Moore

03/24: Pamela Hall

03/26: Jacqueline Habersham

Coming Your Way....!

Odyssey and MIDpoint Message Deadlines

- March MIDpoint Message -- Submit all content by Tuesday, March 7
- April Odyssey -- Submit all content by Tuesday, March 21
- April MIDpoint Message -- Submit all content by Tuesday, April 4

*Please note due to swift publication constraints, content not received by the stated deadline, may appear in a subsequent edition of the desired Odyssey or MIDpoint Message publication. Questions?

Please email Soror Autumn Caviness (dstatx.journalist@gmail.com).



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Austin Alumnae Leadership Team

2022-2023 Committee Chairs

Economic Development

Sylvia Holt-Rabb & Avis Gipson

Educational Development

Tiffany Tillis-Lewis & Bethany Bell

International Awareness & Involvement

Dena Bryant & Akeshia Johnson Smothers

Physical and Mental Health

Courtney Nolan & April Brisco

Political Awareness and Involvement/

Social Action

Celeste Williams & Veronica Johnson

Arts and Letters

Jonna LaGrone-Haynes & Stacey Cleveland

Risk Management Coordinator

Dewi Smith

Internal Audit

Julie Dixon-Cartwright

Rituals and Ceremonies

Michelle Scruggs

Technology

Kathryn Foster & Khaison Reed

Emergency Response

Suzanne Piper & Tonja Walls-Davis

Founders Day

Sheldy Starkes & Donna Jackson

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Kim Whitlock, Bre' Stafford, & Darralyn Johnson

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Tamela Saldana

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Patricia Shorter

Charitable Partners

Sonya Harry & LaTasha Dennis

Protocol and Traditions

Cedel Evans & Sandra Marshall

Records Management and Retention

Vacant

Ways and Means

Alnita Foote

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Nancy Thompson, Historian & Tashia Coleman

Chaplain

Dedurie Kirk

Strategic Planning

Courtney Robinson

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Kacey Hanson, 2nd Vice President

Demitra Alexander, Treasurer

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Anita Daniels, Financial Secretary

Tennile Thomas, Asst. Financial Secretary

Kendra Wesson, Sergeant at Arms

Autumn Caviness, Journalist

Lisa Newman, Immediate Past President

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